

TOLEDO AND TIFFIN FORM NEW CHAPTERS

TWELFTH UNIT NAMES PRIEST FIRST LEADER

FATHER SCHMELZER
TO GUIDE STEPS
OF YOUNGEST GROUP

TIFFIN, O.—A twelfth chapter was written into the annals of the Alumni Association, January 11, when twenty-eight alumni elected charter officers, following a banquet in the Shawhan Hotel.

The Rev. Sylvester Schmelzer, '23-'25, of Tiffin, was elected president; Cyril Scharf, '16-'19, of Fostoria, vice-president; Gerald LaFontain, '29-'35, of Fostoria, secretary, and Lawrence Rall, '21-'24, Upper Sandusky, treasurer.

Also present were R. G. Siegmán, '12-'14, Fostoria; John Kuebler, '39, Tiffin; Arthur Daniel, '39, Tiffin; Roman Burger, '10-'14, Tiffin; Rev. Cornelius Heringhaus, '22-'28, Tiffin; Rev. John Cherry, C.P.P.S., '10-'16, Frank; Rev. Eugene Arnoldi, '21-'24, Findlay; Rev. R. J. Osterhage, '17-'23, Fostoria; Rev. Eugene Schmit, '28-'30, Tiffin; Rev. Leo Frye, '27-'33, Fremont; Eugene Lonsway, '99-'04, Fostoria; Rev. Charles W. Ruess, '23-'25, Fostoria; Rev. Leo Lehmkuhl, '29-'32, Tiffin; Rev. Thomas Nardecchia, '28-'32, Tiffin; Carl F. Gundlach, '31-'32, Sandusky; Dr. Charles Daniel, '97-'98 and '02-'03, Tiffin; Carl Smith, '30-'35, Fostoria; Joseph Grevenkamp, '36, Tiffin; Carl Zender, '24-'25, New Riegel; George Pahl, '24-'25, Tiffin; Rev. Sixtus Meyer, '95-'01, Frank; Rev. George May, '01-'07, Tiffin.

Speakers from the college were the Very Rev. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., president; the Rev. John Schon, '14-'19; Coach Joe Dienhart, and Edward Fischer, '28-'34.

Movies of St. Joe football games and campus activities were shown.

THREE TIMES AROUND THE WORLD



(Courtesy Jasper County Democrat)

BROTHER VIC AND FAITHFUL JULE

Brother Vic Plays Santa Claus For College Students Forty Years

Three anniversaries are marked by Brother Victor Zuber along about this time of year.

The Collegeville mail carrier passed his eighty-first milestone on January 13. He marked off his forty-fifth year on the campus, January 1. Forty years ago, February 1, he started carrying mail for Uncle Sam.

Brother Vic went modern two years ago last Thanksgiving Day; he put aside his horse and wagon in favor of a Dodge truck. And now he is driven to and from the Rensselaer postoffice twice daily, while he takes full charge of the mail sacks.

The above picture of the mail carrier with his favorite horse, Jule, was taken shortly before his last wagon trip.

STILL TALKS ABOUT HORSES

Brother Vic still talks about Jule, Dick, and Nellie. But he can't recall how many horses and wagons he wore out. There must have been quite a few because he carried mail over 88,000 miles—three and a half times the distance around the earth.

All Alumni remember Brother

Vic as the mail carrier. Only old-timers remember him as head infirmarian. Only the oldest of old-timers remember when he drove a buggy to meet all trains.

WATCHED TIMES CHANGE

Brother Vic was carrying mail the day the first automobile chugged into Rensselaer. He was carrying mail the day the first airplane sailed over Jasper county. He watched the great strides of transportation during the past forty years, and kept pace with them. He helps put truth into the words carved above the door of the New York postoffice:

Neither snow nor rain, nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.—Herodotus.

WIEGAND GETS PRESIDENCY AT BANQUET

THIRTY-FIVE ALUMNI
GATHER AT SECOR
FOR FIRST MEETING

TOLEDO.—An Alumni Chapter was formed here, January 10, just before the St. Joe-DeSales game, when thirty-five former students gathered for a banquet in the Hotel Secor.

Charter officers elected were: President, J. W. Wiegand, '12-'15; secretary, Donald Besanceney, '27-'32; executive board, the Very Rev. Msgr. Max Walz, '10-'14; the Rev. George Werner, '20-'22, and Bernard O'Neil, '25-'27.

Five members of the St. Joseph's College faculty, the Very Rev. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., '14-'20, president; the Rev. Sylvester Ley, C.P.P.S., '13-'18; the Rev. John Schon, '14-'19, the Rev. Othmar Missler, '25-'29, and Edward Fischer, '28-'34, were present.

Other Alumni to attend the banquet were: Rev. Lawrence J. Ernst, '26-'32; Rev. Kenneth C. Moore, '26-'32; Urban Falter, '25-'29; E. J. Mulligan, '23-'25; Rev. A. A. Hoffman, '19-'25; Rev. H. W. Reineck, '26-'30; Rev. A. A. Kuhlman, '28-'32; Rev. J. J. Schill, '23-'24; Rev. C. J. Gates, '25-'27; Rev. Kenneth A. Hans, '22-'27; Rev. Cyril B. Lauer, '27-'28.

Rev. James G. Dwyer, '30-'33; Paul L. Case, '03-'05; Albert J. Zink, '08-'11; Rev. Alfred Mayer, '27-'32; Don DeMars, '26-'31; Rev. Joseph I. Hartmann, '22-'28; Rev. Arthur T. Schmit, '26-'28; Rev. Joseph D. Shenk, '26-'28; Rev. Al F. Sobszak, '22-'25; Rev. Albert W. Scheiber, '20-'26; James E. Schuckert, '22-'25; Robert W. Winke, '27-'28; Albert Lochotzki, '26-'27; Joseph F. Sanislo, '26-'31.

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JOIN AN ALUMNI CHAPTER!

St. Joseph College's Alumni Association, headed by Oscar Sieben, '21-'25, of 546 Eugenie Street, Chicago, has twelve Chapters scattered throughout the midwest.

At least seventy-five per cent of the Alumni live within the territory covered by these units. However, far from seventy-five per cent of the Alumni have enrolled as chapter members.

If you have not joined, get in touch with the president of your chapter.

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Latin Brings Alumni Together

A Latin motto, "Mens sana in sano corpore," served as an introduction for two Alumni on a boat going from New York to Staten Island.

Leo E. Brunner, '04-'07, was reading a magazine. He wanted a translation of the Latin quotation contained in an article. He sought the help of a young priest standing nearby. The priest was the Rev. Joseph Sheeran, '25-'31. In the course of the conversation, Mr. Brunner and Father Sheeran learned that they were fellow alumni.

Mr. Brunner, field man of the Sun Oil Company, visited St. Joe two months ago. It was the first time he had been on the campus since '07. He said he had the time of his life talking with students and reminiscing with old-timers.

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William J. Jedacek, '26-'27, is district manager of the Kelleher Motor Freight Company, in Cleveland.

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Joseph Kemp, '27-'31, is a father. He is working for the Dominion Electric company, Mansfield, O.

GRADS SEND SONS TO ST. JOE

Nineteen students enrolled at St. Joe are sons of Alumni.

A check through the student directory shows that Paul Birkmeier is the son of Otto J. Birkmeier, '06-'09, Delphos, O.; Robert Contant is the son of Henry F. Contant, '10-'13, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; James H. Cooney is the son of Herbert T. Cooney, '01-'02, Woodstock, Ill.; Elmer Ernst is the son of Edward Ernst, '10-'13, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mark Fecher is the son of Con J. Fecher, '11-'14, Dayton, O.

James Gerstbauer is the son of J. Louis Gerstbauer, '04-'06, Mishawaka, Ind.; Albert and William Glueckert are sons of Albert J. Glueckert, '10-'13, Hammond, Ind.; James Hoey is the son of John Hoey, '09-'10, Bellefontaine, O.; David Jones is the son of John Jones, '00-'03, Gary, Ind.; John Leugers is the son of H. H. Leugers, '08-'11, Maria Stein, O.; Paul Missler is the son of John Missler, '93-'97, Ottawa, O.; Francis Mueller is the son of A. P. Mueller, '10-'12, Sandwich, Illinois.

Carl and Arnold Reichert are sons of A. H. Reichert, '08-'12, Fort Recovery, O.; Albert and Raymond Schraff are sons of Dr. R. J. Schraff, '12, Cleveland, O.; Thomas Verhoeven is the son of Charles Verhoeven, '24-'25, Monroe, Mich.; Joseph Vurpillat is the son of Joseph Vurpillat, '05-'09, Peru, Ind.

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Three Kings and a Pair O' Queens

Twins, a boy and a girl, arrived October 26, at the home of Fred J. Thieme, '13-'15, Lafayette, Ind. The salesman for the Terre Haute Brewing Company now has three boys and two girls. Any good poker player will tell you that three kings and a pair o' queens is a full house. But they say that four of a kind—all at once—will beat it.

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We Bow To Fellow Editor

The Rev. Lawrence Ernst, '26-'32, assistant at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Toledo, is editor of a publication called **Contact**. He told us at the alumni banquet in Toledo that his paper was founded almost a year before ours. The purpose of the publication is to keep members of the class of '38 of the American College, Rome, in touch with one another.

Father Ernst also informed us that his brother, Frederick, '30-'34, is married and is connected with Turnstedt Hardware, Detroit. Young Ernst, who majored in mechanical engineering, was graduated from the University of Detroit last June.

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This paragraph appeared in the June, 1897 issue of **The Collegian**: Mr. A. Weymann has our special compliments as the first at St. Joseph's to obtain the enviable title of Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude. (The Rev. Arnold Weymann, C.P.P.S., died October 7, 1932).

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Bernard Frankrone, '11-'16, father of seven children, is a clerk in the Louisville post office.

TURN BACK THE CLOCK

Many of us recall the years during which St. Joe had no basketball varsity. Each class had its own team.

Those teams were called Seconds, Thirds, Fourths, Fifths, and Sixths. There was no Firsts. The freshmen and sophomores combined their strength to form the Seconds. Each team played each of the other four teams twice during the season. Toward the end of the season, an All-Star High School and an All-Star College team were selected. Those All-Star teams would meet in two games. It was always a big night on the campus when the high school and the college clashed. At the close of the season, the sports editor of



Andrew Mathieu **The Collegian** always named the five best basketball men on the campus. Their pictures were taken and run in **The Collegian**. This picture of Andrew Mathieu appeared in the April 15, 1931 issue of the student publication, because he made the All-Star team for the 1930-'31 season. Father Mathieu (he is now ordained) is working for a Master's degree in Social Service at Catholic U., played with the All-Star College team which was defeated by the All-Star High School team 38-15 and 31-29. In the high school's starting lineup were Forsee, Cook, Horrigan, Scheidler, and Bubala. Officials for the games were the Revs. Henry Lucks and Bernard Scharf.

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Few names appear in old issues of **The Collegian** more often than that of Edmund Ley, '94-'00. When a student here, Father Ley, now pastor at St. Joseph's Church, Dyer, Ind., played fullback, pitched, was an officer in the C. L. S., and was a member of the military organization. His name was always on top or near the top of the honor roll.

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Here is a list of nicknames, the owners of which made history on the campus. The nicknames are followed by a jumbled list of the students' real names. How many of them can you tie-up?

Horse, Dingbats, Slider, Gas, Irene, Hot-foot, Windy, Zukie, Hercules, and Skinny.

Fred Dober, Cletus Martin, Tom McCrate, Harry Schafer, Ed Ernst, Norman Atkinson, Vincent Honningford, Andrew Mathieu, Edward Mungovan, and Ralph Bihn.

Robert Woodard, '28-'32, is married and is working at the Westinghouse plant in Mansfield, O.

THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

The curtain will drop on basketball season just about the time the next issue of CONTACT comes from the press. However, Alumni in South Bend, Kankakee, Hammond, Fort Wayne, Dubuque, Oakland City, Valparaiso, Jasper, and Terre Haute, will have an opportunity to see a St. Joe team in action before the final gun causes the present season to become merely a memory—a fond memory, we hope.

The college team will meet Valparaiso University Feb. 8, at Valparaiso; Evansville College Feb. 17, at Jasper, Ind.; Oakland City College Feb. 19, at Oakland City; Indiana State Feb. 20, at Terre Haute, and Loras College Feb. 23, at Dubuque.

The high school will play Central Catholic Feb. 9, in South Bend; St. Patrick's Feb. 13, at Kankakee; Central Catholic Feb. 16, at Hammond. The Cubs will be entered in the Indiana Catholic High School Tournament Feb. 23, 24, and 25, in Fort Wayne.

The college missed winning the Midwest Intercollegiate Tournament by one point at Bloomington, Ill. A free throw in the last fifty seconds gave Illinois Wesleyan the championship. The college has won nine out of fourteen games this season.

The high school took six out of nine. The Cubs feel pretty good over their 40-38 defeat of Central Catholic, of Fort Wayne, last year's state and national champs. The youngsters have been improving right along and should be going great guns by the time the state tourney rolls around.

Three men who have been in the starting lineup most of the games this season are on the sick list. Urban Pfeffer and Bernie Hoffman, both former captains of Jasper high school, have tonsillitis and are in the college infirmary. Jerry Yocis, the lone senior on the squad, is receiving treatment for a bruised foot.

Calumet Alumni Elect Jack Jones Unit President

HAMMOND.—Jack Jones, '00-'03, will sit in the president's chair of the Calumet Chapter during the coming year, it was decided December 28 at a student-alumni banquet in Teibel's restaurant.



Msgr. Jansen

Justin Seroczynski, '33-'35, was named vice-president; Henry Kreiter, '13-'16, was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and the Rev. Carl Holsinger, '15-'21, was re-elected chaplain.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas Jansen, of Gary, was guest speaker at the banquet which was attended by thirty-three alumni and twenty

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BIRD LOVERS



(Courtesy Outdoor Indiana)

FATHER SABO AND HELPER

It's more fun to shoot wild game with cameras than with shotguns, and it's better sport to go into the woods carrying loaves of bread than 16-gauge shells, according to the Rev. John Sabo, '19-'24.

A story and pictures in the December issue of Outdoor Indiana tell of the activities of the Calvert Rod and Gun Club, in South Bend. Father Sabo, pastor of Our Lady of Hungary Church, is director of the club, a parish organization.

Members of the Calvert Club release wild game. Then they build feeding stations in the woods. Father Sabo and members of the club make frequent trips during the winter to keep the stations supplied with bread and grain.

ALUMNUS DIES



(Courtesy South Bend Tribune)

WILLIAM A. BUTLER

A heart attack caused the death of William Butler, '09-'12, of South Bend, early in December. The head of the St. Joseph County Auto License Bureau was under an oxygen tent during the eight weeks preceding his death.

Cook County Unit Features Grade-A Talks at Banquet

CHICAGO.—Cook County Chapter will meet at 8 p. m. Tuesday, January 30 in Sieben's, according to an announcement made at the close of the student-alumni banquet January 3, in the College Inn, of the Hotel Sherman.



Fr. Marling

J. Gordon Hagstrom, president of the chapter and general chairman of arrangements, was toastmaster for the program of Grade-A speeches.

One hundred and fifteen persons, thirty-three of them students, heard talks given by the Very Rev. Joseph Marling, Ph. D., provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood; the Very Rev. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S. T. D., president of St. Joseph's; Leo Fischer, sports columnist for the Chicago Herald-American; Jack Elder, Chicago C. Y. O

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HERE and THERE

When the Rev. Norman Koiler, C.P.P.S., '29-'32, left St. Francis Church, Harrisburg, Pa., to become assistant dean of men at St. Joe, his position as curate was taken over by the Rev. Leonard Fullenkamp C.P.P.S., '29-'33. The class of '33, in its senior issue of The Collegian, wrote these words beside the cap-and-gowned picture of Father Fr. Fullenkamp: "Six foot four and every inch a man—the life of the crowd—with men a man, with kids a kid—a friend to all and the best of them—orator, dramatist, and a gentleman—tell the world he is our class president, and that speaks a volume."



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A letter from Carl Vandagriff, '28-'34, WOWO announcer in Fort Wayne, brings news of his marriage last October 7. Vandy also writes: "Had a note from Norbert Minick, '29-'35. I understand he applies himself in a research capacity in Radio City Music Hall, New York. His wife's name is Fran—his son's Denny."

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Perhaps you heard the rumor going around that Hank Rager, '28-'34, is dead. There is no truth to it. It was his father who died. Hank, who lives at 2722 Stoner Avenue, Los Angeles, has just celebrated his son's first birthday; has passed the California Bar Exams after being graduated from Loyola Law School, and has recently been accepted by the California Supreme Court as a full-fledged member of the Association of Attorneys.

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Five Alumni, the Rev. Christian Staab, C.P.P.S., '11-'17, the Rev. Herman Schnurr, '26-'32, the Rev. Leonard Cross, '27-'31, the Rev. Lawrence Gollner, '26-'32, and the Rev. Gilbert Wirtz, '26-'32, are instructors at Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne.

Old Collegian Outlines History Of Columbians

Students Petition Faculty For C. L. S. in 1892
Old Publication Reveals

First steps toward organizing the Columbian Literary Society were taken shortly after the beginning of the school year in 1892, according to the first issue of **The Collegian**, published November, 1894.

A petition bearing the signatures of nearly all the students was submitted to the faculty requesting "permission to form an association for the promotion of the oratory and literature of such students as are hereafter mentioned, and any who may desire admittance into said association."

Permission was granted by the faculty. C. L. S. members formally adopted a constitution on October 12, Columbus Day.

"'Sebastian', the first play given under the auspices of the Society, was so well received on the night of its presentation, Dec. 10, that it was reproduced at Rensselaer and again at Remington, meeting at both places with great success," according to **The Collegian**, a publication founded by the C. L. S.

"Encouraged by their efforts," **The Collegian** story continues, "the Columbians played a second drama, 'Major John Andre,' on May 22, on the occasion of the Military Day exercises of the Seifert Light Guards, and reproduced it at Rensselaer, where it received even a greater ovation than had 'Sebastian.'"

Of the charter officers, shown in the adjoining picture, the Alumni Office has lost track of Leo Gross, John Woulfe, and James Fitzpatrick.

F. H. Dirksen, '91-'93, a retired school teacher, lives at Maria Stein, O. He is the father of the president of St. Joseph's.

Father Benedict Boebner died Feb. 7, 1937; Edward Gilmartin died in June, 1935, when president of the Gilmartin Lumber Company, Fort Wayne, and the Rev. William Sullivan died February 17, 1937.

The Rev. Edward Mungovan, '91-'97, is pastor of All Saints Church, Hammond.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas M. Conroy, '91-'96, is pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

MONSIGNOR CONROY UNCOVERS FIRST C. L. S. PICTURE



First officers of the C. L. S. are shown in this picture which was loaned to **CONTACT** by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas M. Conroy. The picture was taken in 1892 shortly after the organization was founded. Standing, left to right, are Leo Gross, treasurer; F. H. Dirksen, vice-president; the Rev. Benedict Boebner, director; John Cogan, and Edward Gilmartin, executive committeemen. Middle row, left to right, are (unidentified), John Woulfe, critic; William Sullivan, executive committeeman, and James Fitzpatrick, president. Seated in bottom row are Edward Mungovan, executive committeeman (left), and Thomas M. Conroy, secretary (right).

CALUMET CHAPTER ELECTS JACK JONES

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students.

H. C. Schmal, chairman of arrangements, acted as toastmaster. He introduced the following speakers: The Rev. Edmund Ley, '94-'00, the Rev. John Kostik, '09-'15, the Rev. Carl Schnitz, '16-'21, the Rev. Leo Hildebrandt, '15-'18, the Rev. Peter Biegel, '91-'98, Coach Joe Dienhart, the Rev. Fred Fehrenbacher, '17-'22, the Rev. John Baechle, '25-'30, and Edward Fischer, '28-'34.

COOK COUNTY ALUMNI FEATURE FINE TALKS

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director; Oscar Sieben, '21-'25, national president of the St. Joe Alumni Association; Judge James Cochran; Harry Burrs, regional director of the National Youth Organization; the Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., '18-'23, athletic director; Coach Joe Dienhart, and Maurice Pauley, '06-'09, executive secretary of the Amateur Softball Association of America.

Dallas Metzger Praises Faculty at St. Joseph's

Dallas Metzger, '29-'32, writes: "I am under doctor's care and shall be for some time to come, but I am thankful that the diagnosis is confinement from work instead of confinement to bed. I have a three-chair barber shop in Willard, O., and have been, speaking literally, 'hitting the ball too hard.' Now I am suffering from nervous fatigue plus a stomach disorder.

"From St. Joseph's I went to Assumption College in Canada, but times were hard and money was scarce; so I finally gave up all hopes of a college education.

"I think St. Joseph's has the highest educational standards plus the ablest teaching staff of any college in the country—bar none."

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